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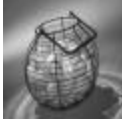
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Weekly prices in the Midwest and Northeast regions were 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to very ample for the light demand. Light type hens were usually adequate to at least sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were 2 cents lower for the larger sizes. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times moderate. Food service demand was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to very ample for the very light demand. Schedules were usually full time. The trade sentiment was weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	55-58	
LARGE	51-60	53-56	
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 33-42 37
			MEDIUM 27-33 31
			SMALL 15-19

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents lower on larger sizes, unchanged on medium when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the light demand. Spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for generally normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-67
LARGE	56-70	63-65
MEDIUM	49-62	54-56

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was very light for the fully adequate to very ample offerings. Schedules for next week were usually full time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient to at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-70	64-67
LARGE	61-68	62-65
MEDIUM	52.5-60	53-57

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	61-65

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-67	60-62
LARGE	57-65	58-60
MEDIUM	51-59	52-54

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, unchanged to 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was -8% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 71.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	99
MEDIUM	91

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO 299-349
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE 279-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE 249-299
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM 179-249

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 03, 2006 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 27, 2006 were 255,426 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	204,814	50,612	255,426

% change from the prior week.....	-2	+12	+1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand remained very light for the fully adequate to very ample offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for immediate needs. Schedules were usually full time. Trade sentiment weak. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
BREAKING STOCK	26-30	26-28
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the previous week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.17
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product ranged light to moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.19
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9* & 16, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

*Data for January 9, 2006, was delayed due to Canadian Holidays'.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 30, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	22.4	8.5	15.4	68.8
	Change	1.1	2.8	1.2	1.1	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.8	74.4	14.0	24.3	180.8
	Change	-0.1	9.4	0.2	-1.6	4%
Large	Curr Wk	42.3	160.8	67.0	85.9	447.6
	Change	2.9	20.6	0.5	6.4	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	49.6	13.8	23.6	127.3
	Change	0.1	-1.7	0.4	4.9	4%
Small	Curr Wk	8.3	8.2	0.2	5.3	33.4
	Change	2.6	1.5	0.0	0.6	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	32.1	7.7	13.2	59.7
	Change	0.5	3.7	0.1	-2.2	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.9	60.6	31.8	30.6	165.0
	Change	2.1	-0.6	8.0	-0.2	2%
Total	Curr Wk	122.4	408.1	143.0	198.3	1082.6
Percent	Change	8%	10%	8%	5%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.6	5%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	244.8	3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1327.4	4%	203

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
113.2	372.4	132.6	189.3	228.1	1035.6

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 27, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 22.50**FUTURE LOADS** 11.75**TOTAL LOADS** 34.25

TOTAL LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.50	—	40.00	41.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	42.00	—	—	57.00	—	51.25	2.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	40.13	51.25	—	52.50	—	49.17	13.00
GL W XL	41.75	42.75	50.00	52.00	38.91	41.00	10.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	87.00	—	—	.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	38.13	—	7.25								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25								
GL W SM	—	—	32.56	35.31	—	—	4.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	72.00	—	.75								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/23/06-01/27/06**CURRENT LOADS** 92.50**FUTURE LOADS** 61.00**TOTAL LOADS** 153.50

		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	—	—	42.50	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	43.20	—	—	57.00	—	54.97	10.00	
GNR W 1	39.50	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	9.00	GL W LG	41.74	51.02	—	55.20	—	53.90	34.50	
GL W J	—	—	57.25	58.50	—	62.00	3.50	GL W MD	37.00	—	—	—	—	52.44	2.25	
GL W XL	44.17	50.39	49.22	51.97	42.30	42.78	44.00	GL BR J	—	—	91.50	—	—	101.00	.25	
GL W LG	—	52.00	38.67	43.50	41.10	40.40	28.75	GL BR XL	—	—	87.50	—	—	97.00	.50	
GL W MD	—	48.13	38.00	42.00	40.05	—	12.50	GL BR LG	—	—	85.50	87.00	—	95.00	1.75	
GL W SM	32.33	34.00	33.75	36.18	24.29	28.25	18.00									
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	72.00	—	.75									
NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	25.00	28.21	39.00									
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	8.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	2.00									
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	2.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/23/06	01/17/06	01/24/05
PACIFIC COAST	104	82	468
LOS ANGELES	100	78	457

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are fully adequate on larger sizes. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	81.86
LARGE	78.86
MEDIUM	70.86
SMALL	57.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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